

**African-American Members of the Tennessee General Assembly  
1873—2013**

Representative Sampson W. Keeble	(R-Davidson)	1873-1874
Representative John W. Boyd	(R-Tipton)	1881-1884
Representative Thomas A. Sykes	(R-Davidson)	1881-1882
Representative Thomas F. Cassels	(R-Shelby)	1881-1882
Representative Isham F. Norris	(R-Shelby)	1881-1882
Representative Samuel A. McElwee	(R-Haywood)	1883-1888
Representative David F. Rivers	(R-Fayette)	1883-1884
Representative Leonard Howard	(R-Shelby)	1883-1884
Representative Greene E. Evans	(R-Shelby)	1885-1886
Representative William A. Fields	(R-Shelby)	1885-1886
Representative William C. Hodge	(R-Hamilton)	1885-1886
Representative Styles L. Hutchins	(R-Hamilton)	1887-1888
Representative Monroe W. Gooden	(D-Fayette)	1887-1888
Representative A. W. Willis, Jr.	(D-Shelby)	1965-1968
Representative J. O. Patterson, Jr.	(D-Shelby)	1967-1968
Representative Dorothy Lavinia Brown	(D-Davidson)	1967-1968
Representative R. B. Sugarman, Jr.	(D-Shelby)	1967-1968
Representative M.G. Blakemore	(D-Davidson)	1967-1970
Representative Harold Love	(D-Davidson)	1969-1994
Representative Alvin King	(D-Shelby)	1969-1992
Senator J. O. Patterson Jr.	(D-Shelby)	1969-1974
Senator Avon Williams, Jr.	(D-Davidson)	1969-1990
Representative Ira Murphy	(D-Shelby)	1969-1982
Representative Robert Booker	(D-Knox)	1960-1972
Representative James I. Taylor	(D-Shelby)	1969-1970
Representative Charles Pruitt	(D-Shelby)	1971-1984
Representative Harold Ford	(D-Shelby)	1971-1974
Representative Lois DeBerry	(D-Shelby)	1973-Present
Representative Harper Brewer	(D-Shelby)	1973-1986
Senator John Ford	(D-Shelby)	1975- 2006
Representative C.B. Robinson	(D-Hamilton)	1975-1992
Representative Teddy Withers	(D-Shelby)	1975-1984
Representative Emmitt Ford	(D-Shelby)	1975-1980
Senator Ed Davis	(D-Shelby)	1979-1994
Representative Rufus E. Jones	(D-Shelby)	1981-1996
Representative Roscoe Dixon	(D-Shelby)	1983-1994
Senator Roscoe Dixon	(D-Shelby)	1995-2005
Representative Charles Drew	(R-Knox)	1983-1988
Representative Mary Pruitt	(D-Davidson)	1985-2012
Representative Larry Turner	(D-Shelby)	1985-2009
Representative Ulysses Jones Jr.	(D-Shelby)	1987-2010
Representative Joe Armstrong	(D-Knox)	1989-Present
Senator Thelma Harper	(D-Davidson)	1991-Present
Representative Tommie F. Brown	(D-Hamilton)	1993-2012
Representative Henri E. Brooks	(D-Shelby)	1993-2006
Representative Bretran Thompson	(D-Shelby)	1993-1994
Representative Larry Miller	(D-Shelby)	1993-Present
Representative Kathryn I. Bowers	(D-Shelby)	1995- 2005
Representative Edith Taylor Langster	(D-Davidson)	1995-2006
Representative Joe Towns, Jr.	(D-Shelby)	1995-Present
Representative John F. DeBerry, Jr.	(D-Shelby)	1995-Present
Representative Barbara W. Cooper	(D-Shelby)	1997-Present

Representative Johnny Shaw	(D-Hardeman/Madison)	2001-Present
Representative Nathan Vaughn	(D-Sullivan)	2003-2008
Senator Sidney Chism	(D-Shelby)	Feb-May 2005
Senator Kathryn I. Bowers	(D-Shelby)	May 2005-2006
Representative JoAnne H. Favors	(D-Hamilton)	2005-Present
Representative Gary L. Rowe	(D-Shelby)	2005- Jan 2008
Representative Eddie Neal	(D-Shelby)	Jan-Mar 2007
Senator Ophelia Ford	(D-Shelby)	2007-Present
Senator Reginald Tate	(D-Shelby)	2007-Present
Representative Karen Camper	(D-Shelby)	2007-Present
Representative Brenda Gilmore	(D-Davidson)	2007-Present
Representative G. A. Hardaway	(D-Shelby)	Mar 2007-Present
Representative Johnnie R. Turner	(D-Shelby)	2009-Present
Representative Antonio Parkinson	(D-Shelby)	2011-Present
Representative Harold M. Love Jr.	(D-Davidson)	2013-Present

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